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REPUBLICANS MAY FORCE WILSON TO RUN AGAIN

Cummings' Speech to the National Committee An Open Defiance to GOP Party

And a Challenge to "Go to the Mat" with It on the League of Nations Issue

The Democracy of this part of the country will all with one acclaim endorse the action of the Democratic national committee which in its meeting at Chicago on Wednesday unanimously passed a resolution presented by James H. Moyle of Salt Lake City and seconded by Gen. W. B. Haldeeman of Kentucky which is as follows:

"We, the Democratic national committee, recognizing the splendid service being rendered by President Wilson in behalf of a just and enduring peace, extend to him our heartfelt good wishes and congratulations, and be it resolved that we do hereby record ourselves in favor of the prompt ratification by the Senate of the treaty of peace, including the covenant of the league of nations."

When Chairman Cummings later referred to the resolution he set the assemblage cheering when he disclosed the willingness of the Democratic party to "go to the mat" with the GOP forces on this issue should the Republicans force such a fight in 1920. His speech was an open defiance to the Republican party, "that complains and moves backward," to make a 1920 issue of "the greatest document of human liberty ever prepared."

J. Bruce Kremer of Butte, Mont., made it even stronger, speaking for the West, or "land of democracy."

Wilson for a Third Term

With but little reluctance the national chairman admitted that there was a strong possibility for a third term for President Wilson in the event of Republican opposition to the league. He said the defeat, if defeat were possible, of the league covenant might force the President into another race, regardless of his third term views.

"But I cannot conceive of such rank foolishness on the part of the Republicans," said Mr. Cummings. "Whatever the attitude of the Republican party leaders, the failure of ratification of the league covenant is inconceivable. It is something too sacred to become a political issue."

The sentiment of the committee, however, was to discourage presidential nomination discussion for the present while the peace conference was at work. The names of ex-Secretary McAdoo and A. Mitchell Palmer were frequently heard in connection with this exalted office.

Cummings' Keynote Talk

In his keynote speech Chairman Cummings indicted the republican party which has, he charged, fallen under reactionary influences. "It is apparent," said he, "that the Republican party again has fallen under reactionary leadership. The choice of the committee heads in the new House is very discouraging to every progressive American, while the election of Senator Penrose to head the Senate finance committee indicates the type of leadership to which the Republican party is committed."

"All we Democrats need is a vigorous stirring of the party spirit, and that will come with the telling of the glorious achievements of the Democratic national administration during the most trying period in the history of our country. We have every reason to go into the 1920 campaign confident of a glorious victory."

"If the Republicans foolishly make the league of nations a political issue, the people of the nation will show their approval of that great document by another overwhelming Democratic victory. The opposition thus far expressed means nothing. 'Those men, afflicted as they are with anti-Wilsonitis, would have opposed any document, no matter what its blessings.'"

Palmer's Good Words

At the banquet Thursday night Attorney General Palmer told the banquet guests some truths that sank home when he said that if past achievements assured future victory the party could write today the political history of the next decade at least.

"But the people do not ask 'what of yesterday?'" he continued. "They

ask: 'What of tomorrow?' Our's is the people's party and we do not deserve to live if we cannot solve the people's troubles. Therefore we must always be progressive, new-fashioned democracy."

"The hard won victory of American arms will prove but a hollow and unavailing triumph if we do not make certain that out of it shall come a greater liberty, a better America, and a surer peace. To these ends the Democratic party proposes to consecrate itself."

Reviewing the achievements of the party since a Democratic majority was returned to congress, at the end of the Taft administration, Mr. Palmer declared it was significant that the "old slanders" against the party have been refuted. He recited the nation's participation in world affairs as refutation of charges that the Democrats were sectional in purpose—the tariff built on the principle of "fair competition," and the creation of a non-partisan tariff board in answer to allegations that the party was willing to sacrifice the prosperity of the country to an economic theory and pointed to the income tax amendment, creation of the department of labor and the children's bureau, passage of the eight hour, workmen's compensation and federal reserve laws as other evidences of party accomplishments.

Party Could Wage War

"And the one great slander which they have been fond of repeating since the days of the Civil war, was that we could not fight a war," the attorney general continued. "It was said that the Republican party was the historic war party and the Democratic party might have some value in opposition, but to trust it to prosecute a great war would be national suicide."

"I do not put the victory in the world war in the proud list of Democratic achievements. It was the people's war in a peculiar sense. But I do insist that we shall hear no more of the old slander that the Democratic party cannot be trusted to lead in a great war. Let history begin to tell the truth now and it will say that the common courage of our men and women, the combined effort of capital and labor, the joint support of city and farm, all were welded into an irresistible force by a leadership never surpassed in the history of parliamentary government. And that was the leadership which the Democratic party gave to the world when it joined its practical achievements with its high ideals behind Woodrow Wilson."

TH FARMERS PROTESTED

Do Not Want County Road Money Spent on Streets of St. Joseph.

A large delegation of farmers headed by S. S. Connitt waited on the county court Thursday and protested against any of the money belonging to the county being spent on the city streets, which are proposed to be designated as thoroughfares. Many of the farmers came here under a misapprehension, having it in their minds that the St. Joseph Continuous Highway League was to attempt to loot the road bond money.

The case was altogether different, as it was only county money that those interested desired. Even at that the discussion at times was characterized by some heat, and clashes between the opposing factions. The county court took the matter under advisement and yesterday refused the prayer of the petitioners.

ROGERS KILLED BY A TRAIN

A pay check envelope which bore the name of J. C. Rogers, and which had belonged to the Kansas City street railway company, was the means that identified Rogers, whose mangled body was picked up north of Missouri avenue Wednesday morning. The remains were badly crushed and torn. The dead man had a wife and three children living in Independence, to which place the remains were sent.

VICE-CONSUL TO BERNE

Harry Norwood and Wife on Last Tuesday Entertained a Distinguished Relative.

Harry S. Norwood, one of the most popular and courteous interurban conductors on the Savannah-St. Joseph line, was very agreeably surprised Tuesday evening upon arrival at his home at 702 McDonald street when Mrs. Norwood informed him that they were to be the recipients of a visit from the United States vice-consul to Berne, Switzerland who was no less a person than Mr. Summerfield F. Norwood, Mr. Norwood's first cousin.

These two cousins had never met and it so happened that government business brought Vice-Consul Norwood from Berne to Kansas City and upon arrival there, the opportunity to see his cousin Harry was excellent, so he came here and spent the evening and night at the Norwood residence.

Vice Consul Norwood is thirty-four years of age and received his appointment August 1, 1918, at San Francisco, California, where he was well known in the legal fraternity. He bears the distinction of coming from one of the famous old Maryland families that were instrumental in making history in this country. Mr. Norwood's father graduated from West Point, served in the 1861-65 war, and was in the Sioux uprising in 1875, serving as captain of a cavalry regiment. This cavalry was ordered sent to the rescue of General G. A. Custer, who had been surrounded by the Sioux, but upon Captain Norwood's arrival General Custer and his men had all been killed. Captain Norwood's pursuit and harassing tactics broke the spirit of the Indians and upon cessation of hostilities, he served in many places. Capt. Randolph Norwood upon retiring from military service gave up the command of the famous 12th Maryland cavalry.

Vice Consul Norwood was stationed in Berne during the war period and related many interesting details regarding the American legation methods of seeking lost persons. Mr. Norwood will visit in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Maryland with his mother, Mrs. Randolph Norwood, and sister, then leave next month for San Francisco, thence to Switzerland via Suez Canal.

A FINE OF \$1,000

If Employees of Labor Do Not File Reports on or Before June 15.

Organizations, individuals, corporations and all employers of labor are advised by Henry Uhlinger, deputy collector here, that he has received notice from Geo. F. Crutchley, collector of internal revenue, to underscore on their calendars June 15, the last day for filing Forms 1096 and 1099—information reports—giving the names and addresses of all individuals to whom payments of salaries, wages, rents, interest, commissions and other gains, profits and income of \$1,000 or more is required. Banks and trust companies must make return showing interest paid to, or credited to the account of individuals, provided the amount credited or paid is equal to or in excess of \$1,000.

These forms must be forwarded direct to the commissioner of internal revenue, Sorting Division, Washington, D. C.

Every partnership, regardless of income or profits, must make return on Form 1045, and file same with Gen. F. Crutchley, collector of internal revenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Forms 1045 have been sent to all banks in this district for the accommodation of those interested, or they may be had at this office.

The penalty for failure to file the above mentioned returns by June 15 is a fine of not more than \$1,000.

DR. CORA SNOWDEN REMEMBERS FRIENDS

The will of Dr. Cora May Snowden, who twenty-five years ago was a teacher in the public schools here, and who died in San Francisco a few days ago, was filed for probate here Wednesday and makes several bequests to St. Joseph friends.

An undivided quarter of the Snowden property here was left in trust to W. A. Evans and James R. Hopkins to be used for some unmarried woman who needs help to learn and work. Five hundred dollars is left to W. A. Evans, who has looked after the Snowden property, and \$1,000 to James R. Hopkins, who solicited help to defray the expenses of the dead woman's last semester in college when she could not get money from her own people. She asked that her body be cremated. She was the daughter of the late H. C. Snowden of this city.

EVERY BOND PROPOSITION WAS CARRIED

And St. Joseph Will Now Be Able to Issue \$1,850,000 in Bonds

THE MAJORITY IN EACH CASE DECISIVE

According to the Projectors the Bonds Can Be Placed on the Market and Sold and the Actual Construction of Some of the Projects Begun in the Next Month and All of Them Will Be Under Headway Before the Snows of Next Winter Will Fall.

The fight is over—the victory is won.

St. Joseph is now rescued from the rut into which it had fallen.

This is the beginning of greater things—a new era.

For the voters of St. Joseph by a most decided majority have agreed to the will of the people good—it is the democratic doctrine.

Every one of the bond propositions voted on last Tuesday carried by a decisive majority—some of the issues being carried as high as 16 to 1, and the lowest by a majority of not quite 4 to 1. By their vote the people added \$1,850,000 to the bonded indebtedness of the city which must be paid in increased taxation, no matter if some of the projects for the propositions did intimate to their audiences that all of these improvements if voted would cost the people nothing—but of course that referred to the voter who paid no taxes because he had no property.

But all of the bonds carried gloriously and St. Joseph will now have a chance to get a better foothold on the world's map.

The Various Votes

Election day was a dizzy rainy sort of an affair and as a consequence despite the enthusiasm that had been stirred up the vote was not as large as it should have been—only 6,754 votes being cast as the total—but that was plenty and more—as far as the success of the bonds was concerned.

The forenoon vote was heavier than was anticipated and by noon those opposed to the propositions or to any of them realized that they were up against a losing game—as they surely were.

The sewer and the fire department bonds seemed to be the favorites of the propositions and won out by the largest majorities, the ratio being about 10 to 1.

The city hospital project was the next in point of preference and showed up about 6 to 1.

The city lighting proposition came next and was carried by a vote of nearly 4 to 1, while the city hall project which had many opponents who fought under cover bore the brunt of the loss in the fight and won out by less than 4 to 1. This project was fought from the fact that the people could not understand how a large contemplated improvement could be made for so small a bond issue—when they will be duly enlightened when the next necessary step is taken.

The Official Majorities

When the ballots had all been received at the city hall the totals were cast up and the official results announced. With the rapid counting in the various precincts the votes were all in at the city hall by 3 o'clock, the results announced and the celebration over half an hour later. The total vote on the various propositions was:

	For	Against	Majority
City hall	5,428	1,326	4,102
Sewers	6,061	689	5,372
Light plant	5,524	1,232	4,292
Fire department	6,068	432	5,636
Hospital	5,525	729	4,796

The largest vote against the lighting bond proposition came from the north wards and the largest vote against the city hall and civic center proposition came from the Sixth ward, though why that should come from that quarter is still open to explanation—by some of the wisecracks.

Work From the Start

And now the absorbing question is as to when the bonds will be marketed and the actual work of construction of the various enterprises be begun. Now that the bonds are voted St. Joseph wants construction started at the earliest moment and pushed to the speediest conclusion. City Counselor Louis V. Strigall and City Comptroller Clay will at once

THESE ARE THE NEW ONES

Deputy State Game and Fish Warden W. T. Wheeler Receives His New Instructions.

The fishing and hunting season is now on—that is the past few warm days have started the sporting blood in the fisher and hunter's veins—but the laws are in force in the way inasmuch as the legislature just closed made some new ones that the local sports have not heard of as yet. Deputy game and fish warden William T. Wheeler up in the federal building has just received his new instructions and for the benefit of those who would hunt or fish, these are the instructions imposed:

The combined licenses for hunting and fishing is non-resident, fee, \$1.50; state resident, fee, \$2.50; county resident, fee, \$1. The county license permits the holder to hunt and fish in his own and adjoining counties. The state license allows hunting and fishing anywhere in the state, and persons holding a county license may exchange same for a state license and have credit for the \$1 paid for the county license. The hunting license is now in the hands of the county clerks for the year 1919 are made by the act the combined hunting and fishing license for the year and the clerks will consider them; new forms will be issued for the year 1920.

The fishing license is \$1 for state residents and \$2 for non-residents. The fishing license are required where the party does not care to hunt but only to fish; both are good for the entire state and expire December 31, 1919.

No license to fish is required in applicant's own county and women and children are exempted as to fishing license.

The act provides that any alien must take out a non-resident license before he can hunt or fish in this state. No special license will be issued that year for this, but the county clerks will upon the application of any alien issue to him the regular non-resident hunting or fishing license, as he desires.

HAD ITS FIRST "CIRCUS"

St. Joseph Given the Benefit of An Air Squadron's Maneuvers Sunday.

Mayor Whitell, Wesley L. Connitt and R. D. Lewis, the latter a Gazette reporter, were given the benefit of the first air ride over St. Joseph by local parties Sunday, when the Gen. Menholy, Phoenix, Crusader, Ace High and Ironson Fly, the flying squadron that is touring the country in the interest of securing young men to enter the aviation service of the United States were here.

The planes landed at the Larabee Mills in the Stock Yards Company's alfalfa field, which field was badly damaged by the crowds present to view the planes. In the afternoon flights were made over the city, but no stunts were performed. The Crusader made a bad landing and was boxed up and sent to Indianapolis for repairs. All of the other machines escaped without mishap.

The St. Joseph men who made the flights were not scared—oh no—not a bit—but Mayor Whitell has still a sinking feeling in the region of his stomach and Wesley Connitt still shies when he hears a motor car buzzing.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION LETTER CARRIERS

St. Joseph was in charge of the letter carriers of the state Friday, when the state convention of the National Letter Carriers' Association was held at the Commerce Club rooms. Every city in the state that has letter delivery was represented, and many of them, especially Kansas City, were largely represented. The Kansas City boys brought a band. H. R. McNabb of New York, vice president of the association, addressed the convention, as did H. E. Walker of Macon, who presided. Mayor Whitell made the welcome address. In the afternoon the delegates were given a motor ride over the city and at night a banquet at the club rooms.

Preparation for the issue and sale of the bonds, which part should be completed by July 15. The bonds will be of \$1,000 denomination and draw 5 per cent interest.

City officials say that with the possible exception of the city hall project, all of the improvements should be under way in the next couple of months. The sewer project will be pushed and if the winter is favorable work may be continued during that period and completed next summer. With this new blood injected St. Joseph should take on new vigor, new life, and a new impetus.

MUCH INTEREST IN THE MEETING TODAY

Democrats Realize That There Will Be Much Accomplished at St. Louis

THE NEW ORGANIZATION PLAN IN PROSPECT

If It Can Be Put Through the Illegal Registration of Negroes Which Has For Years Been Carried Out Successfully by the Republican Fixers of That Place Will Be a Thing of the Past and Honest Elections Will Result.

JEFFERSON CITY, May 30.—(Correspondence.)—With the adjournment of the legislature, talks about here has been concerning the measures enacted which will require the approval of Governor Frederick D. Gardner.

Most of the important measures including Workmen's Compensation, soft drink tax, increase of corporation franchise tax and some revenue measures have received his signature as have more than a hundred resolutions.

The past week has been spent by the Governor in giving his attention to the appropriation measures enacted. The expected revenues of the state are exceeded about \$3,000,000 and it is the Governor's task to apportion them and bring them down to the amount of revenue.

This Governor Gardner will do for he has said time and again that he will not permit a deficit in the state's business at the end of his administration.

Those who know the Governor realize he will do this for his one ambition is to leave the state's business affairs in good shape when he retires from public office.

State Meeting of Democrats

Persons here and visitors from all sections of the state who have been here are quite interested in the state-wide meeting of Democrats which is to be held in St. Louis Saturday, May 31 at the Planters Hotel. Chairman Neale and Secretary Fleming of the Democratic State Committee, are making every preparation for a most interesting meeting and the gathering is expected to be one of the largest ever held in the state.

Interest in the meeting is greater than usual because of the new organization plan which is being worked out in St. Louis by Sam Lazarus, Sam Fordyce and others who are planning to do their work in such a way that the illegal registration of negro voters in the city will be impossible. Under old conditions many thousands of negroes have been on the registration books that were not entitled to be there.

Mr. Neale and Mr. Fleming are giving their time and talent unselfishly to this work and are being praised by members of their party in all sections of the state.

The New School Laws

The following new school laws affecting the state at large will be of more than unusual interest.

A full time compulsory attendance law.

Increased appropriation for the state department.

An appropriation of \$250,000 for vocational education.

A compulsory part time school law.

Increasing salaries of county superintendents fifty per cent.

Allowing districts to rate special levy for equipment and supplies.

Giving the state superintendent supervision of instruction in state institutions.

Submitting constitutional amendment to permit rural school districts to vote \$1 on the \$100 valuation.

Farmers of the state are very much disappointed over the defeat of the hay inspection law in the House. Opponents apparently worked the Republican members up to a high pitch when they cautioned and agreed to defeat this legislation as much feared by agricultural interests of the state.

DOLLAR DAY A SUCCESS

Three or four thousand visitors thronged the stores Thursday when the merchants pulled off their spring Dollar Day event. The display of bargains was most tempting and after the tired clerks had put away their working tools that afternoon, every one of the aforesaid bargains had come into the possession of a purchaser.

THE C. O. P.'s "TOUCHY"

An Investigation of War Expenditures Would Disclose Too Many of Its Beneficiaries.

Much is being said among the republicans of this section just now to the effect that an investigation of the war expenditures should be made, and that the present "Republican congress will make it." This is good as far as it goes—but it will not go very far, as that "Republican congress" is decidedly "touchy" on exposing its partisan misdeeds. The following letter received in this city Thursday by a business man from a democratic member of Congress will show what the Republicans are "touchy" at that point. It says:

"The very firm opinion is expressed here by some of the members of congress and by some outside persons in confidential positions that no very serious investigation of all of the expenditures of the war department will be made by the new republican congress."

"Neither the large military expenditures nor the shipbuilding expenditures will be looked into by the new congress, as it is believed that the bottom line is a very profitable one and a very notable sale of republican industries which have profited greatly by the demands of war."

"This and this alone will keep the hands of the republicans off the probe, so it is believed, while the investigation could be started in a way to avert introduction of transactions with some of these big industries and members fear, as it is thought that it would get away from them, and they would be powerless to stop what they had started until it became too late to avert the evil consequences."

"Republicans were not only at the receiving end of the transaction, but they were scattered about in important boards and houses of war work, and supervised the letting of government contracts. Particularly was this true in the aircraft division, where there was a noticeable fall-down, and where huge expenditures were incurred and great profits were stacked up."

HOME GUARD DISBANDED

Machine Gun Company Commanded by Capt. Murray B. Kalls Is Mustered Out.

The machine gun company of the Fourth Regiment of Missouri home guards, which was organized in the South End when the war broke out, was disbanded Thursday and the 164 men who made up its strength were discharged for home life. The order for its discharge came from Adjutant General Harvey C. Clark and was as follows:

"Upon request of the commanding officer of the machine gun company, the regiment Missouri home guards, stationed at St. Joseph, approved by the regimental commander, the same is hereby disbanded and the officers and men honorably discharged from service."

"The governor directs that the appreciation of the state be expressed to the officers and men of the company for the faithful and patriotic service they have rendered the state in the time of national emergency."

"By order of the governor."

(Signed) "HARVEY C. CLARK."

The company was never called out for service as there were no strikes or unusual disturbances, but it was thoroughly drilled and was ready for work at any time. When the men were disbanded Thursday night they turned in their rifles and accessories, but all were permitted to keep their uniforms as a memento of their soldiering days.

A CLARK "FEELER"

Letters Being Sent Out From Washington Asking as to His Strength.

From letters that have been registered by local democratic politicians in this city in the last few days, sent out from Washington, it is inferred that an effort will be made to bring out Hon. Champ Clark as a candidate for United States senator next year. The sentiment here it might be stated is strong for the great Missourian.

These letters coming as they do just after the Senator has chosen the National administration are regarded as significant. One of the letters from an official in Washington very close to the former speaker, asked for a frank expression of opinion as to the advisability of Clark becoming a senatorial candidate.

A C. Blanchard came down from St. Louis Thursday and reported that he passed the letter and that it had become the two points.